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Ethiopia

US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens exercise increased caution in travel to Ethiopia due to COVID-19, civil unrest and communication disruptions. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws and special circumstances in this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp and or visa that will be required. A visa is required. US citizens will need to get in touch with the country's embassy or nearest consulate to obtain a visa prior to visiting the country.

US Embassy/ Consulate

[251] 11 130-6000; US Embassy in Addis Ababa; Entoto Street, PO Box 1014, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Telephone Code

251

Local Emergency Phone

Ambulance: 92; Fire: 93; Police: 91

Vaccinations

An International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever is required for travelers arriving from countries with a risk of yellow fever transmission and for travelers having transited through the airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission. See WHO recommendations.

<http://www.who.int>

Climate

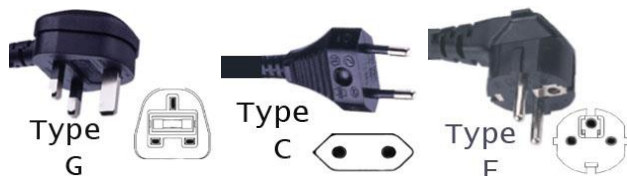
Tropical monsoon with wide topographically-induced variation

Currency (Code)

Birr (ETB)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

220 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s): C, F, G



Major Languages

Oromo 33.8%, Amharic 29.3%, Somali 6.2%, Tigrigna (Tigrinya) 5.9%, Sidamo 4%, Wolaytta 2.2%, Gurage 2%, Afar 1.7%, Hadiyya 1.7%, Gamo 1.5%, Gedeo 1.3%, Opuuo 1.2%, Kafa 1.1%, other 8.1%, English (major foreign language taught in schools), Arabic

Religions

Ethiopian Orthodox 43.8%, Muslim 31.3%, Protestant 22.8%, Catholic 0.7%,

	traditional .6%, other 0.8%
Time Difference	UTC+3 (8 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)
Potable Water	Opt for bottled water.
International Driving Permit	A temporary license from a local authority is recommended. An IDP is not recognized.
Road Driving Side	Right
Tourist destinations	Addis Ababa (includes Imperial Palace, St. George's Cathedral, Holy Trinity Cathedral); Axum (Aksum); Bahir Dar; Harar Jugol; Gondar (includes Fasil Ghebbi); Simien Mountains
Major sporting events	Track and Field, soccer, basketball
Cultural Practices	It is customary to bow when introduced to an elder or respected person. Elders are also usually introduced first when making new acquaintances.
Tipping Guidelines	A 10-15% tip is normal for good service at restaurants and in bars. Tip \$1 (USD) per bag for bellhops who carry luggage to your room and \$1-2 (USD) per day for hotel staff.

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

[World Health Organization \(WHO\) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

[To obtain an international driving permit \(IDP\). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association \(AAA\) \(www.aaa.com\) and American Automobile Touring Alliance \(AATA\) \(www.aataidp.com\)](http://www.aaa.com)

US citizens may call the US Dept of State (+1-202-501-4444) for emergencies abroad.

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